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MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

At the meeting of the National Security Council on March 18, 1953, the Vice President suggested that the Council might well be briefed on the communist threat in the forthcoming Italian elections (about May 20, I think) and what we are doing to counter that threat. This is an excellent suggestion.

Would it be possible for you to combine an intelligence estimate<sup>x</sup> and the outline of our psychological strategy<sup>x</sup> in this connection, at a Council meeting during April? I suggest the meeting for April 20, as I doubt if there will be available time before then.

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